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Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

From right, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer, Executive Director of the Southlake Family Health Team Kim Patteson, architect Bill Lett, and George Riopelle, of Elite Construction, at the new BWG Family Health Centre at 100 Holland Court.

➤ On Mon-
day, March
24, the new
Bradford Family
Health Centre will
open its doors.

Extensive renovations have transformed the 10,400 sq. ft. old Bradford library at 100 Holland Court into a modern health facility, with doctors' offices and examination rooms, consulting rooms, a modern blood lab, and multi-purpose room for educational and community programs.

Not a walk-in clinic, the Family Health Centre will provide a new level of primary health care in Bradford, and a new location for several existing medical services. Among the tenants of the Centre, which will continue to be owned by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, are LifeLabs Medical Laboratory Services

(formerly CML HealthCare), and 3 family physicians already practising in Bradford - Dr. Susan Kuzmyk, Dr. Andy Tsang and Dr. Mabel Hain. But it will also be the new home of a satellite of the Southlake Family Health Team, a team comprised of Physicians, Nurses, Nurse

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Who pays to police parades?

Every year, South Simcoe Police are asked to provide security and traffic control for between 30 and 35 special events and parades, in Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil.

The use of cruisers and off-duty officers generates costs that exceed \$28,000 per year - including \$15,372 in overtime alone.

Those costs would be higher by about \$39,198, if South Simcoe Police couldn't rely on volunteer Auxiliary officers to fill in where needed.

As part of a cost-cutting initiative, South Simcoe Police were asked to consider options for at least partial cost-recovery - and on March 17, a report was presented to the Police Services Board.

"This is a hot issue across the province," said Staff Sgt. Steve Wilson, pointing out that municipal or regional police services in Barrie, Peel Region, Toronto, York Region, Durham and Halton now require event organizers to hire paid duty officers.

The report did not recommend either the status quo, which is expected to cost South Simcoe Police \$28,000 in 2014, or full cost-recovery. Instead, it recommended no charge for a police presence at events that are open to or benefit the whole community, including Santa Claus Parades, Canada Day Parades and Bradford's Carrofest - but argued in favour of billing some fundraising groups, including the Big Bike for Heart, "special interest groups," and events where alcohol is sold for profit.

About 11 of 33 scheduled events in 2014 would end up paying for policing, reducing the costs to the service by about \$9,300.

Police Services Board chair Sharon Villani said that the Board had been directed by Town Councils in both municipalities to pay costs, but acknowledged, "I'm sure it's going to be a hot potato - a political potato."

"In the magnitude of our budget, this is small. In lean-in policy, this is

huge," said Innisfil Mayor Barb Bagley, suggesting that it was a way to begin to introduce full cost-recovery. However, she noted, initial reaction from the public has been strongly negative and there has been "push back" - largely because of misunderstanding.

"There is no plan to bill Santa Claus," Mayor Bagley said, recommending that public meetings be held in both municipalities, to "let people understand what we're talking about."

She pointed out that if the organizations don't pay, "that means the taxpayer is going to continue to pay."

But Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White warned, "I think this is easy to embrace in philosophy, and hard to embrace in practice," especially when asking fundraisers to pay for policing.

"I find it hard to justify charging the Terry Fox Run," White said. "I think that is for the betterment of the community... In my mind, \$9,300 to have these groups that are trying to do the greater good - I think the greater good trumps the

\$9,300."

He pointed out that some events, like the Beer tent at Carrofest, Bradford Ribfest, and Innisfil's Summerfest, already pay for officers to be present.

Member Rod Hicks argued that the billing should apply to the "big ones" - the major fundraising organizations that employ a full administrative staff, like the Cancer Society and Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"I think they should pay for their events," he said, warning of "exponential" growth in street closures, unless the Police Board is "a little proactive now."

"I agree we should be proactive," said Chair Villani - but she suggested that the matter should be referred back to the Town Councils, to provide policy direction and determine who will pay. "Let the elected officials decide," she said - a position supported by Mayor Bagley.

Member Hicks asked for a revision to the report, to define which groups would be asked to pay, before it was referred to Council for review. The Board agreed.

Collisions investigated

Today may be the first official day of spring, but Winter still refuses to loosen its grip on Ontario. White-out conditions on March 15 led to numerous collisions on local roads.

Shortly after 1 p.m. on Saturday, South Simcoe Police were called to a multi-vehicle collision on 5 Sideroad west of Innisfil. A southbound vehicle came to a stop, due to white-out conditions, and was struck from behind by the following vehicle - setting off a chain reaction. Five people were involved; one person suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital as a precaution. Sideroad 5 was closed between the 9th and 10th Lines of Innisfil for investigation.

Shortly after 3:30 p.m., Police attended a collision on Queen Street in the village of Cookstown - and heard from witnesses that one of the vehicles had been swerving all over the road, prior to the crash. The officer investigated the female driver of the suspect vehicle, and arrested her for Impaired driving by drugs. The 27 year old Innisfil woman was transported to the police station for further investigation, which confirmed the drugs, and was charged with Impaired Driving.

In the early morning hours of March 16, shortly after 2:30 a.m., Police responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision on Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, where a southbound vehicle struck a northbound car, left the roadway, and came to rest on the front lawn of a residence. Police addressed the driver of the vehicle who exhibited signs of impairment, and was arrested and taken to the station for breath testing. A 23 year old Bradford male was charged with Impaired Driving and Over .080. He received a 90 day licence suspension, his vehicle was impounded for 7 days, and he was given a court date in April.

At around 4 a.m. on March 16, South Simcoe Police responded to a single vehicle collision on Dissette St. in Bradford - where a vehicle eastbound at a high rate of speed lost control and struck a light standard. The driver was trapped in the vehicle, and had to be extricated by the Fire Department. The 26 year old Keswick male was transported to hospital with minor injuries - and charged with Careless Driving.

Correction

The Bradford Times incorrectly identified Paralegal Ian Boteler as the traffic ticket "Specialist" in last week's edition of the newspaper. The correct title of this business is "Traffic Services." The Times sincerely apologizes for the error and any embarrassment or inconvenience it may have caused. Traffic Services, 37 Holland St. East, can be reached at -866-454-5003 or 905-778-1584.

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Sgt. in charge of the Emergency Response Unit for South Simcoe Police, Sean Willan at the March 17 PSB meeting.

"Policing is famous for its acronyms," South Simcoe Police Sgt. Sean Willan told the BWG-Innisfil Police Services Board, Monday in which he was there to talk about the ERU - the Emergency Response Unit - and how it differs from an EDU (Explosives Disposal Unit) or SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactical) unit. South Simcoe's 10 to

12 member ERU was established to deal with searches, barricaded persons, hostage-takings - any situation in which violence or the possibility of violence exists. But it doesn't have the tactical experience to deal with explosives, or certain escalating situations for that, the local Police have

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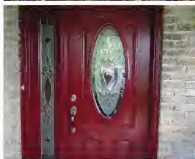


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Canada-South Korea Free Trade deal

On March 10, Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced that Canada and the Republic of Korea have concluded negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement that will, the government claims, "significantly boost trade and investment ties between the two countries, creating jobs and opportunities for Canadians in every region of the country."

"This free trade agreement will benefit both consumers and businesses alike, especially our local beef, pork, and soy farmers. It will level the playing field and give our farmers greater access to one of the largest beef, pork and soy consuming nations in the world," said MP for York-Simcoe, Peter Van Loan. "As an example, soy producers can now pay a tax of up to 10% on products they are exporting into Korea, beef producers between 4 and 75%, and pork producers 25%. These producers could see these taxes completely eliminated through this free trade agreement."

The agreement, Canada's first with an Asian market, could create thousands of new jobs in Canada and provide Canadian businesses and workers with a gateway to Asia, enhancing their global competitiveness. Korea has an annual GDP of \$1.1 trillion and a population of 50 million.

Expected benefits include:

- A substantial increase in Canadian exports to Korea. The agreement is projected to boost Canadian exports by \$1.7 billion annually.

- Elimination of 86.8% of tariffs on Canadian Agricultural products, including beef, pork and soy.

- Creation of a strategic gateway for Canadian Businesses to the wider Asia Pacific region, enhancing their global competitiveness.

- Leveling of the playing field for Canadian exporters and investors - since the U.S. and E.U. already have free trade agreements with Korea.

In fact, Van Loan said, that could be the most significant impact of the new Free Trade Agreement - putting Canadian producers and businesses on an equal footing with the U.S. and E.U. and "getting back markers we used to have."

He noted that Canada "held the line" on protecting the automotive industry in earlier negotiations, but was suddenly outflanked when the KORJIS and EU agreements were signed, and the U.S. industry "flipped 180 degrees" on their position.

"We literally lost billions in trade" as a result, Van Loan said. "We are trying to get back to where we were before."

He acknowledged there seem to be some imbalances in the document - with Canada lifting its tariffs within a fairly short time frame, in some sectors, while Korea may take up to 11 or 12 years to reciprocate.

"It's all a product of negotiation," said Van Loan, who has held the International Trade portfolio. "There's also an asymmetry of trade, and a lack of sensitivity." It's not so much about free trade, but about "everything that people want to protect."

All the same, Van Loan pointed out that some economic sectors aren't prepared at this time to take advantage of new openings in trade, and need additional time to increase their capacity. In the long run, though, "it should result more or less in a balanced equation."

Was asked about potential loss of revenue, if the government gives up tariffs and duties.

"Those revenues... are always negligible. The government will always make them up, in terms of increased business," Van Loan said. "You always end up with more government revenues," as a result of greater sales and productivity.

As for impact on prices, he agreed that there is seldom a trickle down to the price tag or the consumer - something that hasn't happened since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was signed.

Van Loan summed up the Canada-Korea deal: "It's probably not perfect, but it's a huge step forward from where it was." The Conservative government, in less than 7 years, has concluded free trade agreements with 9 countries, and is in negotiations with 30 more. The most notable achievement to date: the historic "agreement in principle" with the 28-nation European Union, announced in October 2013.

to "do politics differently."

"We have an historic opportunity to use our new independence to try, insofar as it is within our power as a minority in the Senate, to make Parliament work better for

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Submitted photo

Luisa Perdz and "Madi" with a whole batch of cupcakes for National Cupcake Day - a fundraiser for local Humane Societies and the OSPCA.

Letters to the editor

Keep control of Alcohol sales

To the editor: Over the past few weeks, I have been reminded that most Ontarians are not aware of the extensive amount of research, dedication and effort that goes into making our roads among the safest in North America every year.

We come home at the end of our day of work, go to school events, meet with friends to play sports, run errands and get groceries - and we almost always do so safely, without incident. We take that for granted.

Good policies coupled with awareness provide a structure that allows most of us to enjoy our day-to-day activities without tragedy. However, *arrive alive DRIVE SOBER* is concerned that selling beer, wine and spirits in convenience stores and gas stations would change this, and cause a serious setback to our mission to eliminate impaired driving in Ontario.

Ontario has more than 9 million licensed drivers and still our roads consistently rank as the safest or second safest in North America. It's no accident: it's the culmination of well-funded legislation and regulations, awareness and education campaigns, and enforcement.

Our position against providing alcohol sales goes back to 1994. That's because we believe making alcohol available through convenience stores would increase alcohol abuse, sales to minors - and impaired driving.

Our efforts to fight impaired driving have paid off. Ontario's alcohol-involved fatality rate fell from 439 in 1988 to 129 in 2009. That's a decrease of 70.6%. During the same time, the number of licensed drivers in the province increased greatly. Our injury rate for the same time period was down as well. It's a very big accomplishment - and we acknowledge The Beer Store for being part of it.

The Beer Store's staff are well-trained, and they draw on this training every day

when serving customers. Refusing a sale to a minor or intoxicated customer is a policy of management (www.thebeerstore.ca/about-us/social-responsibility), not seen as lost business or profits.

"Twice in the past 10 years, The Beer Store has received the Ministry of Transportation's Road Safety Achievement Award for helping to educate Ontarians about sober driving, supporting *arrive alive DRIVE SOBER*, closely challenging patrons who appear under-age or drunk, refusing service if necessary, and helping to raise awareness of new legislation.

We believe that convenience stores would be unable to bring the same attention and commitment to the table. Based on well-documented failures by some convenience stores to follow proper protocols when selling tobacco and lottery tickets, we have reservations about their ability to sell alcohol safely.

Alcohol is a special commodity that must be handled with care, as it is now. And if we continue to sell alcohol in the most responsible way possible, we can continue to save lives on our roads, and arrive

Ann Leonard, Executive Director
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National Cupcake Day!

To the editor: National Cupcake Day, February 24, was a fundraiser for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and local Humane Societies, with the money going to assist the animals. Just \$10 will provide an "enrichment toy" for a cat; \$30 - a bale of hay to feed farm animals in the care of the OSPCA. It takes \$40 to microchip a cat or dog, \$50 to subsidize boarding costs of animals abandoned as a result of domestic violence, \$60 to buy the warm bedding, heating pads and lamps to keep a puppy warm, \$100 to subsidize medical treatment for an injured animal. This year, I reached my goal of \$400. Even

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Senate Liberal Caucus initiatives

The Federal Liberal Party of Canada has cast the ties with its 32 Liberal Senators, allowing them to sit and act independently of the elected Liberal Caucus - and Senator James Cowan, Leader of the Senate Liberal Caucus has announced five new initiatives,

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NOTICES

Notice of Intention to Designate Pursuant to SECTION 29 OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990 c. 18, AS AMENDED

Bradford Town Hall (circa 1860)

Part of Lot 16 Concession 7, municipally known as 61 Holland Street East,
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, on January 21, 2014, resolved to give notice of intention to designate 61 Holland Street East, under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. 18, as it is of cultural heritage value and interest.

The Bradford Town Hall's cultural heritage value lies in its strong association with the local community, as it has served a multitude of public roles including municipal administration offices, public school and community hall. The two-storey building features the "classical revival" architectural style, with a symmetrical facade and simplified temple form. The Town Hall was one of the few buildings in downtown Bradford that survived the fire of 1871, and for over 150 years has served generations of political decision-makers that have shaped the town's history.

Any objection to this designation must be filed in writing no later than April 21, 2014.

Objections should be directed to:
Rebecca Murphy, Director of Legal Services/Clerk
100 Dissette Street, Units 7 & 8,
P.O. Box 100
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A complete description of job duties, qualifications and application instructions for these positions can be found on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the Employment Opportunities section, or at the Towns Human Resources office as listed below.

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Human Resources Department
100 Dissette St., Unit 4 Box 100, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A7
Fax: 905 775-6633 or email hr@townofbwg.com

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, personal information is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act*, and will only be used for candidate selection.

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Editorial

Senate Liberal Caucus initiatives

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Canadians - to make it respond to the needs of Canadians, rather than the needs of political parties and their leaders," Senator Cowan said.

The five initiatives are:

• **Open Caucuses.** Beginning March 26, the Senate Liberal Caucus will open the doors of certain of their Wednesday Caucus meetings to both the press and the public at large. Experts and Public Leaders will be invited, along with parliamentarians from all parties, to focus on issues of national concern that may not be getting sufficient attention in Parliament. The first Open Caucus will discuss the issue of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women.

• **Your Question Period.** Canadians will be invited to provide the Senate Liberal Caucus with questions they want to ask the government. "This will... give Canadians a direct voice, asking the questions they want answered," said Deputy Opposition Leader John Fraser. Questions will be asked during Senate Question Period by Senators, in the name of the Canadian who submitted the question at the "Your Question Period" link, at liberalsenatefor.ca

• **Proactive Disclosure.** Senators' expenses were previously disclosed on the Liberal Party website; now that option is no longer available, the Senate Liberal Caucus is currently in discussions with the Senate Administration and Government Leader in the Senate to set up an alternate system, enabling senators to make the same level of disclosure available on another website.

• **Free votes.** All votes in the Senate

will now be free votes for the Senate Liberal Caucus - no more "whipped" votes to follow party lines. The Caucus Whip, Senator Jim Munson, will work to co-ordinate attendance of members, and ensure that Senate committees have the full complement of members from the Liberal Senate Caucus.

• **Equalization.** The Senate Liberal Caucus is committed to beginning a national conversation on "equalization" - federal-provincial fiscal co-operation. "Wherever you live, from coast to coast to coast, you should expect to be able to access a basic standard of public services, without finding yourself faced with wildly different tax bills for those basic services," explained Senator Cowan. "Canada is not about fireworks protecting gated communities. It is about Canadians living and working together in a remarkable country."

Cowan suggested that the current federal government has instituted changes that undermine this basic tenet - and his Caucus will focus attention on issue.

National Cupcake Day!

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amount, it is still such an amazing thing to these animals - and I just want to thank everyone for making it so successful again this year.

Overall, National Cupcake Day raised \$306,907.23 and counting... A big Thank You! See <http://support.ontariospca.ca/site/TR/CupcakeDay>

Luisa Perdig,
Bradford



From left, CHATS driver Bob Smart, Meals on Wheels client Rita Dean, and Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, with convenient meals.

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) offers a number of services and programs that help keep seniors independent, and in their own homes - including personal care, home-making, respite care, transportation, and Meals on Wheels, which delivers "home-style comfort food" to seniors.

Bob Smart is a CHATS volunteer, a driver for the Meals on Wheels program, who delivers meals to 3 or 4 households each week.

On March 18, Smart dropped off meals - Lasagna, Chicken Pot Pie, Tomato Cream soup, Sweet and Sour Chicken - to Rita Dean, a resident of 100 Miller Park for the past 19 years.

"They're handy," said the

oecianarian of the pre-made meals. "I can just put them in the oven."

Her daughter orders items from the 42 selections on the CHATS menu, and ensures that they meet Dean's dietary needs - which means "no salt."

Smart had a special guest, riding along as he made his rounds on March 18. Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, who dedicated the proceeds of the 2013 Mayor's Golf Challenge to CHATS, was invited to see what Meals on Wheels means to seniors with mobility issues and no vehicle.

For more information about Meals on Wheels and other programs, see www.chats.on.ca or call 1-877-452-4287.

Power of Attorney Workshop

CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) and Matthews House Hospice are providing a free Power of Attorney Workshop on Thursday, March 27, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Matthews House Hospice, 6048 Hwy. 89. Learn more about the importance of Advance Care Planning, and the issues surrounding Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Property, with lawyer Paul Gastaldi.

Free, but space is limited. Please pre-register at 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226.

Local History

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association meets Saturday, March 22 at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, at 2 p.m. Topic will be Pioneer Churches and Their Churches. All welcome.

Fashion & Function

The Newmarket Historical Society meets Wednesday, April 19 at the Newmarket Lions Hall & Community Centre, Riverwalk Commons, 7300 3rd. The topic is "Fashion & Function" - a look at dress through the ages, presented by the Pickering Historical Society.

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Coming up:
• **Movie Afternoon**, on Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m. - *The Quiet Man*, with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Only \$3 for this class,

popcorn and dessert. Bring a lawn chair to be comfy.

Note: The volunteer who used to assist seniors with their income tax returns at the Centre had to quit, due to health problems. However, the Bradford Library, at 425 Holland St. West, also offers CRA Volunteer assistance.

April at Lakeside Retirement

You know spring is on the way when Lakeside Retirement hosts its Hippy Hippy Bingo night - Friday, April 11 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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York Simcoe Toastmasters

Speak for Success York-Simcoe Toastmasters Annette Lavigne and Louisa Steele participated in the Division M International Speech and Evaluation Competition, held at the BWG Leisure Centre in Bradford, in February. Lavigne won the Speech competition, and Steele, the Evaluation contest - and both went on to the next level, held at the York Region Administration Building in Newmarket on March 6.

These experienced Toastmasters were winners at that level as well, and now will go on to an Area competition, welcoming contestants from 4 Areas, this Saturday, March 22, in the Town of Newmarket Council Chambers, 395 Mulock Drive. Registration for this next step in International competition begins at 9 a.m.; speaking contests begin at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome out to hear top-notch speakers compete, and enjoy light refreshments, for an admission of \$8 per person.

For more information, contact diumgovernor@toastmasters06.org

Winners at this level will advance to the Spring Conference, being held April 4 to 6 at the Delta Meadowvale Hotel in Mississauga.

At the Bradford Legion, Branch 521

Friday Night Social Time - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out and enjoy dinner prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Students at Bradford District High School, for a nominal fee, then stay for music and fellowship. No cover charge. Note: There is free Wi-Fi in the Clubhouse!


Monday and Thursday Night Fun Darts, 7:30 at the Branch. Everyone welcome - membership not required.

April 5 - the 7th annual Imelda Webster Dart Tournament will take place, with an 11 a.m. start. Blind Draw Doubles. Drop by the Legion for more information.

Getting Chili in Lefroy-Belle Ewart

Chili lovers! Enter the Annual Chili Contest at the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion on Saturday, March 29. Register by calling 705-456-9728. All Chilis must be in a crock pot and brought to the Legion Hall, 1017 Robinson St. in Belle Ewart, by 1:30 p.m., with ladle. The public is welcomed to attend from 2 to 4 p.m. - and for just \$5 per person, sample all of the chilis, and vote for your favourite!


The Legion can be reached at 905-775-5025.



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Family Health Centre opens Monday

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Practitioners, Social Workers, a dietitian and a pharmacist. On March 18, Director of Leisure Services and Facilities, Tom Graham invited members of Council, the media, the Family Health Team and participating physicians to tour the facility with project architect Bill Lett.

"The original building was designed by my father,"

*The Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library
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Lett explained, "It was nice to be able to come back and renovate this building" - and to maintain several of the key architectural features, like the rotunda and the natural lighting, as part of the new design.

"We've tried to not make the environment as clinical as it could look," Lett said - but the "natural" touches are deceptive. What appears to be a wood floor is actually an antibacterial product - and the comfortable carpeting in the waiting room is not only 100% recycled and made in Canada, it also has an anti-bacterial backing.

Flooring and countertops in examination rooms are seamless, for infection control and ease of cleaning; and the mechanical system is designed to exchange the air in examination rooms 6 times per hour, 9 times per hour in the corridors and the procedure room, and 12 times per hour in the waiting room. "The most current CSA standards, for Health Care standards."

Lett also noted that while "we're still working on the figures," the project is on time, and "under budget."

"When we decided to do this, I had a very high level of expectation coming in here - and it was exceeded," said Mayor Doug White, after taking the tour. "What a wonderful building it speaks to the liveability of our Town."

There are still some gaps in service. The facility does not have an x-ray lab, although there is a design for an addition to the building, that could be reconfigured to accommodate an x-ray machine in the future. However, warned Lett, "The provincial licensing (for x-ray machines) is really prohibitive," determined geographically.

And the 3 local family physicians relocating to the building are not currently taking on new patients, although the Town is hoping to recruit 3 additional general practitioners to fill space in the Family Health Centre.

However, the building also houses a satellite of the Southlake Family Health Team, and the FHT's new Executive Director Kim Paterson has indicated that her "interdisciplinary team" will be active, in the days to come. Since the Southlake team was approved by the Ministry of Health in 2007, it has brought its multi-disciplinary approach to health care to Newmarket, Aurora, Mount Albert, and now Bradford - providing support for local physicians and patients.

The Southlake Family Health Team may be accepting new patients; see www.southlakefht.ca for information. Photo below: The Rotunda, redesigned for the Family Health Centre.



March Break@the Library



Above, Drop-in LEGO-mania at the Bradford Public Library, on March 13. Below, Entomologist with "Bugs without Borders" introduces a youngster to a Hissing Cockroach at the Library on March 12.

March Break was a lively time at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, 425 Holland St. West - with hundreds of kids turning out for activities that ranged from crafts, to a drop-in LEGO afternoon. Among the highlights: A scientist with Bugs without Borders introduced the wonders of the insect world, in Bugology on March 12 - giving kids

a chance to touch a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach! On March 13 (after a last-minute rescheduling), Bugbiology introduced the fun of bubble-blowing and giant bubbles - big enough

to encase a child. And on Friday, March 14, it was a drop-in Pajama Party at the Library, with Storytime, PJs, crafts and hot chocolate. *Cozy!*

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Friends of the Library are now accepting donations of paperbacks in good condition, current fiction and non-fiction, children's books, text books and DVDs for the **Spring Book Sale**. Items can be dropped off at Borrower Services. Please - No moldy or damaged books, text books, Reader's Digest condensed books or magazines.

There will be a **Preview Sale** on Friday, March 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per family,

for an opportunity to have first pick of donated items.

The **Spring Book Sale** will take place on Saturday, March 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Sunday, March 30 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Admission is free!

Kids' Groove - 4 weeks of visual stimulation, ribbon movement, puppets, instruments, and spoken word for

infants ages 0 to 2, with Nikki Forrester, RCH - begins Monday, March 24. There are two sessions available, from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$32 for the full 4-week session. Register at the Library.

Are you a low income individual or recipient of social assistance, newcomer to Canada, Senior or Student, and need help preparing your tax return? The **Canada Revenue Agency Volunteer Tax Preparation Clinic** can provide help for simple returns - and the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, is an official clinic site for Income Tax Preparation Assistance. To register for help, ask at the Information Desk or call 905-775-3328 ext. 6108. Note: Volunteers do not prepare returns for complex situations such as returns

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Above, inside a bubble, at Bubbleology, March 13. Below, Pajama Party crafts at the Library, on March 14.

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Belles Paroles is a new Conversational French group, where those ages 16 and up can practice their French in a fun, theme-based forum. Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, beginning March 25, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. To register, call 905-775-3328, ext. 6100 s'il vous plait!

NFB Film Club presents free screenings of thought-provoking documentaries from the National Film Board. Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. *Black Soul*, an animated introduction to Black history; and *Hue & Matter of Colour*, a personal investigation into "colourism" - when people within the same ethnic group discriminate against each other based on differences in skin tone.



Uncommon Images about Common Things is an interactive discussion series on Modern and Contemporary art, presented by the South Simcoe Arts Council and Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, Every Thursday, from March 20 to April 1, artist and art educator Sean George will lead the discussion in the Zima Room of the Library, 7 to 9 p.m. Series fee is \$50. To register, contact the South Simcoe Arts Council at 705-435-2378 or email info@southsimcoartsCouncil.com

Tapestry Choir presents *Mozart's Requiem Mass in D Minor* with special guests, the York Chamber Ensemble and Trinity Festival Chorus, on Sunday, March 23 at Marylake Shrine, 13760 Keele St. in King City, at 3 p.m. Mozart's last work. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for Seniors. For information call 905-836-8589 or email tapestrychoir@sympatico.ca Note: Youth ages 18 and under are free.

South Simcoe Theatre presents the final show in its 2013-14 season - an adaptation of *Bram Stoker's Dracula* On stage at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown, from March 27 to April 13, with performances at 8 p.m. on Thurs., Fri. and Sat., and 2 p.m. on Sun. Tickets are \$16 each, available

from the Box Office, 705-458-4432. For more information, see www.southsimcoetheatre.com

The New Tecumseth Singers present "*Glorious Spring*" featuring "Vivaldi's *Gloria*" and accompanied by the Chamber Orchestra, on Saturday, April 5 at St. John's United Church in Alliston, 56 Victoria St. East, 7:30 p.m. Other works will include pieces by Morley, Thompson, Ridout, Bachmann/Nov, Rutter and Willan, under the direction of John Wewers. Adults are \$15; youth under 16 are free. Tickets are available at Lloyd's Papermoon in Alliston, the Guild Chiropractic Clinic in Tottenham, or call Mary Cole, 705-435-5487.

The South Simcoe Arts Council's 11th annual *Music Festival* takes place April 30 to May 8, with competitions in Band, Piano, Strings, Vocal, Choirs/Ensembles, and Drama. To register, see www.southsimcoartsCouncil.com/Music_Festival.html

The *Arts On Main Festival* takes place May 23 to June 11, with original artwork on display in storefronts in Alliston, Beeton and Tottenham. This year, the Festival's Official Opening will be part of the Beeton Honey & Garden Festival, May 24 on Beeton's Main Street - and includes the Great Big Beeton Bee Contest. Artists aged 18 and older are invited to enter a

rendition of a bee made of weather-resistant materials (wood, metal, copper, concrete, glass, etc.). Winners will be determined by public vote. First place wins \$2000; 2nd place wins \$1000, 3rd place wins \$500.

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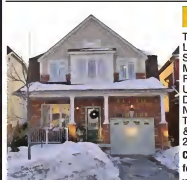
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Introducing South Simcoe's ERU

ERU from Page 2

Memorandum of Understanding with York Regional Police, to draw on their equipment and expertise.

All of the members of the South Simcoe ERU are actually deployed in other areas of policing - 6 in uniformed patrol, 2 in Criminal Investigations, 1 in Courts, 1 in Training & Education - but all are trained in tactics, and carry a wide range of equipment, including "less lethal" use-of-force options, like a shotgun that shoots a bean-bag projectile, and the Taser, or Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW). The goal, Willan noted, "is to defuse or end the situation without loss of life, or serious injury."

Often, all it takes is the presence of ERU members - with their all-black uniforms, combat boots, and collection of weaponry - to de-escalate a confrontation. "Our presence can often bring down someone's agitated state," and make them reconsider or back down, Sgt. Willan said. And every ERU member is trained in crisis negotiation. "We have the power of the gab," he said. "Part of our training is our ability to plan and act. We know who we are, we're confident... but our best weapons are our mouths, to de-escalate."

It's seldom that the full ERU team is called out. This past February, there were two "full call-outs" of all 10 members, to execute warrants and arrest suspects in cases involving "threats of firearms and drugs." In 12 other cases, there was only a partial call-out, as members assisted other officers - including the manhunt for a murder suspect in Bradford.

Industrial accident in Bradford.

At about 1:30 p.m. on March 14, South Simcoe Police, Fire and Paramedics were called to a Bradford business. A male was discovered unconscious, suffering from massive head injuries, and transported to hospital in critical condition. The victim was apparently in a metal basket being raised off the floor by a forklift. The basket became dislodged and fell to the ground, injuring the worker. The Ministry of Labour is investigating.

Think, before you hit 'Send'

O.P.P. Detective Constable Jeremy Spence usually deals with high school students, talking to them about the pitfalls of the Internet and Social Media, and warning them against decisions that can have a long-term and devastating effect: Bullying, Harassment, Sexting. Sending sexually-explicit photographs.

In fact, the problem - and "it's a huge problem," he says - often begins long before high school. "I get calls, probably two or three a day," from kids who are over their heads - kids who may have been persuaded to post inappropriate photos online.

Kids as young as 8 or 10. "Parents will throw their kid an iPhone, a Smart phone without any instructions, yet they won't let their kids go downtown alone, or to the mall," says Det. Const. Spence - even though a Smartphone allows them to "communicate with millions of people online they don't know."

That's why, on February 28, Det. Const. Spence, Acting Sgt. with the Child Sexual Exploitation Unit of the OPP, came to Cookstown Central Public School, to talk to the Grade 7 and 8 students. He brought along a new presentation, that focusses on education, awareness, and "what to do

before you hit Send."

The sending of inappropriate images, whether by text, photo, or video, through the internet or Smartphone "is the #1 problem in our schools," Spence told the students. "Can we get that image back? No, it's out there forever."

The statistics are shocking. In high school, 1 in 5 teens admit to having posted a sexually suggestive or explicit photo; 1 in 3 boys report receiving an image meant for someone else; and 1 in 2 teens have received a sexually-suggestive image.

A photo, when sent out over today's technology, with today's apps, "can go through a high school of 1,000 in an hour. That is out there forever. It's not coming back," Spence said. "The internet hoses everything. The internet does not forget."

He pointed to the program, Snapchat - where the sender might think they are safe, because they set the image to "disappear" in 3 seconds. Spence noted that a recipient, with a smartphone, can take a "screen capture" of the photo, and keep the image.

And images can come back to impact not only today's friendships, and school life, but also future employment: employers these days often search the net before hiring.

The most common cause of posting

a sexual image is pressure - from a boyfriend, a girlfriend, or even online predators; that online "friend" who seems to be a 12 year old boy or girl so eager to share experiences may turn out to be a 32-year-old pedophile.

When sexual images end up "out there," the result can be feelings of isolation, anxiety, embarrassment, depression - even suicide. "We've had multiple incidents, not only here in Canada, but in the States and around the world," Spence said.

There are other consequences. "It can be a criminal offence" to send or share explicit photos - and child pornography if the subject of the photo is under-age. Spence warned. "These kinds of things happen every day... It's happening in every school, every school in Ontario."

There is help. Anyone who observes abuse, harassment or bullying, or the distribution of sexually inappropriate photos can report that anonymously to cybertip.ca. And anyone who has been the victim of that kind of online pressure or has posted an inappropriate image can go to NeedtelpNow.ca, to talk to a trained counsellor, and get help in removing images from the internet.

But before it gets to that stage, Spence said, "Think - If we had never sent that image, it would never have happened... Think before you take it. Think before you send it."



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ST. PAUL'S SUCCESS: Toastmasters: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month

PLACES OF WORSHIP

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905-775-3731
Sundays 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStrien
www.springdalecbrn.net

Newton Reformed United Church
Hwy 27 & Gore, 10 Tecumseh.
Service 10:30 a.m.

Bond Heist United Church
Hwy. 68 west of Hwy. 27
Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available
905-775-2512

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com

St. John's Presbyterian
2540 - 10th St. (South of Hwy 27)
(8th Line & Midlandtown)
905-775-7274
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery provided.
ajohnspresbyterian.ca

Bradford Alliance Church
758 Simcoe Road, Bradford
Sundays 9:30am
Mid Week Home Groups
Monthly Men's Breakfast
905-775-0068
www.bradfordalliance.ca

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd. Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Priset 905-775-0105

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
(Brampton Hwy)
16 Harris St. East, Sarnia (Catholics)
9:30am (Ukrainian), 11:30am (English)
905-775-0262
info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18535 Duffins St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 5:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth's adult group
Rev. Richard Bode
905-775-7291
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Way., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2005
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Confessions
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.
905-775-7268
Service - 10 am
Sunday School & Nursery
Available
www.bradfordunited.org

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Cathleen's Hill
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& 11th Line)
Sunday Service at 10:00 am.
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Bradford Community Church
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Riverbide Bible Chapel
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402448 Belmont (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm Afternoon Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Bradford Baptist Church
3204-10th Sd
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9 am - Portuguese Service
10:30 am - English Service
10:30 am - Kids Program (Totals 8)
Mid Week Youth Program & Portuguese Ministry
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www.bcbcwv.ca

The Baha'i World Faith
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upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7.9 pm. For information, see speaker, success.org. All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Inisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. bingo begins, at the Lions Hall Inisfil Beach Rd., Alcorn. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a meal at 5-30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund-raising perogies and cabbage rolls every Sat. and Sun. 12 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers Circle now meets 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: There is a support group that meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression.

son or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgmental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St. 1 to 3 p.m. Childcare available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors), 448 Holland St. W. Wed. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email Mterrance@chats.on.ca

FRI., MAR. 21

LIBRARY ON THE LOOSE: Free drop-in program at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. in Bradford. 10:30 a.m. Books, stories and surprises for pre-schoolers, from the Bradford Library.

SAT., MAR. 22

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP AT SCANLON CREEK: From 1 to 4 p.m. at the Nature Centre at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area.

Community Information Night on Local Human Trafficking

The information night is being held to shed light on this growing problem. A retired Police officer will be speaking on the subject, as well as showing a video that powerfully speaks to the issue. Come out and be informed about this real and growing threat to Ladies and teenaged girls in our area.

Sunday March 23, 2014 - 7:00 pm at

Bradford Alliance Church
758 Simcoe Rd., Bradford.

led by amazing nature photographer James Haddon. His work is currently on display at the Bradford Public Library. Cost is \$40 per person, \$30 for those with an annual Pass to Scanlon Creek. Pre-registration is welcome. Call or call 905-895-1281, ext. 222.

BWG LOCAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION: Meets at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West, at 2 p.m. Topic is the Pioneer Cemeteries and their Churches. All welcome.

BARRIE BALLROOM DANCE CLUB WINTER DANCE: At the ANAF Hall, 7 George St. in Barrie. Free line dancing lesson at 7:30 p.m., regular dance from 8 p.m. to midnight, with a late night substantial snack. Admission \$13 members, \$19 guests. For information call Wendy at 905-721-Weil or Wendy at 905-721-1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email Mterrance@chats.on.ca

TREASURES SALE AT BRADFORD UNITED CHURCH: Donations of "treasures" have been received, from closets, cupboards, basements and attics - and can be purchased for a donation to the church, 8 to 11 a.m. on March 22, at 66 Barrie St. A fundraiser for Bradford United.

SUN., MAR. 23

TAPESTRY CHAIR PERFORMANCES AT MARYLAKE SHRINE: Mozart's Requiem Mass in D Minor with special guests. The York Chamber Ensemble and Trinity Festival Chorus, 3 p.m. at Marylake Shrine, 13760 Keele St. in King. \$20 adults, \$15 Seniors, free for youth 18 and under. For tickets call 905-836-8589 or email tapestrychair@sympatico.ca

MON., MAR. 24

TODDLER CONNECTIONS: 6 week program at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Bradford, 118 Barrie St., 9:30 a.m. Strengthens the parent-child relationship, through love, language and learning. Pre-register at 905-775-3039, ext. 229.

TUES., MAR. 25

LIFE WITH BABY: Start of a 10-week program for new parents with an infant under 10 months of age. 1:30 p.m. At the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. Pre-register at 905-

775-3039, ext. 229.

THURS., MAR. 27

POWER OF ATTORNEY WORKSHOP: CHATS (Community & Home Assistance to Seniors) and Matthews House offer a free workshop on Power of Attorney for Personal Care and Property, 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Matthews House, 6048 Hwy. 89 (across from the Nottawasaga Inn Resort). Guest speaker is Paul Gastaldi, lawyer. Free, but please pre-register at 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226.

BOND HED & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETS: 7:30 p.m. at the Danube Srs. Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford. Four Simcoe Co. Master Gardeners will be on hand to discuss butterflies, Shasta Gardening, Grasses, and Drought Tolerant Plants. Refreshments will be served. New members welcomed.

FRI., MAR. 28

FRIENDS OF THE BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE: Preview Sale, 7:30-3:30 p.m. in the Zima Room, \$10 per family for first choice of donated books. Main Book Sale on Saturday, March 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 30 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. - admission is free! The Library is located at 425 Holland St. West.

SAT., MAR. 29

CHILI CHALLENGE AT THE LEROY GELLE EMMETT LEIGON: Enter your favourite chili recipe; call 705-456-9728 to register and bring your chili in a crock pot with ladle to the Legion, 1027 Robinson St., Bellefleur, by 1:30 p.m. The Public is invited to attend from 2 to 4 p.m., and sample the chili for only \$5 - for a bowl, spoon, roll and bottle of water. Vote for your favourite.

SHAKE YOUR BOOBIES DINNER & DANCE FOR THE WEEKEND TO END WOMEN'S CANCERS: A fundraiser for Joe Mama 2 and Highlights team at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd., 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 each, for dinner, dancing to a DJ, live entertainment, and a Fashion Show. Tickets are available at the Ontario Early Years Centre, 118 Barrie St. Pre-register at 905-

Sports

OMHA Bantam AAA Champions



Paul Novosad, Freelance Photographer

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug joins Q107 host Andy Frost, NHL great Wendel Clarke, and all of the captains of the participating teams, at the OMHA Bantam "AAA" Championships held at the BWG Leisure Centre on the weekend. Below, Game 1 of the York Simcoe Express Minor Bantams, March 14.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre was the scene of the OMHA Playdowns for the AAA Minor Bantam/Bantam Divisions, on the weekend. The York Simcoe Express, last year's All-Ontario champs, were the host club - welcoming teams from as far afield as Quinte, Peterborough, Kingston and Niagara Falls.

In the AAA Minor Bantam Division, the York-Simcoe Express were repeat OMHA Champions.

In Game 1, the YSE jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first minutes of play, but had to settle for a 3-3 tie against the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs.

Game 2 was a 3-1 win over the Kingston Jr. Frontenacs; Game 3, a 2-1 loss to the Clarington Toros.

The Semi-Final, a 4-2 win over Niagara Falls sent the team to the Gold Medal match - a rematch with the Hamilton Jr. Bulldogs, that this time ended in a 3-0 win for the Express.

The YSE Major Bantams also made it to the Gold medal championships on Sunday.

Game 1 was a 2-1 win over the Quinte Red Devils - but Game 2 saw a 5-2 loss to the Guelph Gryphons.

The Express then found their feet, recording a 3-2 win over the Southern Tier Admirals in Game 3, and a 1-1 tie with the Peterborough Petes in the Semi-Final.

The Championship match was another repeat, with the Express playing Quinte - but this time, the Red

see OMHA Page 18

Bradford Novice Rep team in Final

The Bradford Novice A rep hockey team beat Markham in the York-Simcoe Playoffs' Semi-Final - and now will battle Orillia for the Championship.

Game 1, Bradford - 5, Markham - 3. Goals by Justin Dias, Spencer Natale, and Brayden Fickin with the hat trick. Assists to Michael Flynn (3), Aiden Kapralik (2) and Kaden VanNamen.

Game 2, Bradford - 7, Markham - 4. Goals by Jax Wismer, Gavin Rocha, Spencer Natale and Dylan Woodcock with 4. Assists to Justin Dias and Michael Flynn (2).

Game 3, Bradford - 3, Markham - 2, in Overtime - for the sweep! Goals by Gavin Rocha, Spencer Natale, and the game winner in OT by Dylan Woodcock.

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Bradford Novice Rep team in Y-S Final



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Celebrating the winning goal, in the Bradford Novice A Rep team win over Markham in the York-Simcoe Semi-Final.

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Championship! Next home game is Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m., at the BWG Leisure Centre.

The team would like to thank all of their great sponsors this season - Expreme Pita, Menchie's, Prestely Demolition, Royal

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Novice Selects in Buffalo Tourney Semi-Final

Bradford Novice Selects played in an Invitational hockey tournament in Buffalo, NY, March 7-8.
Game 1, Buffalo Regals - 7, Bradford Novice Select - 1.
Lone goal by Lucas Wehby from Jacob Sim.

Game 2, Bradford Novice Selects - 3, Barrie Dragons - 2. Markers by Colton Graham, Jacob Sim and Lucas Wehby on assists from Andreas Alves and Matthew Carvalho.

Game 3, Bradford Novice Selects - 5, West Seneca Wings - 4. Scoring by Jacob Sim and Lucas Wehby with a pair apiece, single by Matthew Carvalho.

Assists to Andreas Alves, Sim and Wehby, with outstanding goaltending by Austin Domingues.
Semi-

Final, Rochester - 2, Bradford Novice Selects - 0. Great tourney.

In regular play:
Bradford Novice Selects - 3, Stouffville - 1. Goals by Kaden Reinhardt, Matthew Carvalho and Matt Svirac, from Remy Yoo, Colton Graham and Svirac.
Bradford Novice Selects - 3, Uxbridge - 1. Goals by Brandon Spadafora, Colton Graham and Kaleb Christoffersen. Assists to Matthew Svirac, Jacob Sim, Matthew Carvalho and Kaden Reinhardt.

Submitted photo, below:
Novice Selects after Game 3 win in Buffalo Tourney.



Paul Novosad, Freelance

York Simcoe Express AAA Minor Bantams won the OMHA All-Ontario championship, played in Bradford at the BWG Leisure Centre, on March 16.

OMHA Bantam AAA champs

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Devils handed York-Simcoe a 3-0 loss.

The official opening ceremonies took place on Friday evening, and attracted some special guests. Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White welcomed the teams to Bradford - joined by both Q107's Andy Frost, and NHL great and former captain of the Maple Leafs, Wendel Clarke, to inspire the young players.

Bradford Soccer Club news

Bradford - Although the snow is not yet gone, the Bradford Soccer Club is well on its way to organizing the upcoming soccer season...

As always, the BSC competitive teams have been training over the winter, to compete in the highest competitive leagues in the province. The Club's U16 Ontario Youth Soccer League team participated in the Disney Cup in Florida over the winter, and impressed many top North American American Youth Scouts.

For the Recreational Program, there will be a new location for the Timbit program that will provide sufficient parking and space. The Club is now looking for volunteers for this age group, and will be providing a training course for all volunteers to ensure a well-run program.

The U8-U12 divisions will remain focused on Skills Development, with specialized training not only by trained volunteer coaches but also the club's professional Technical Staff. The Club is also hoping to run a full U13-U15 program this year, and is looking for players in this age group - a great opportunity to learn the game, even if you have never played before. Come out and enjoy the summer!

Registration continues at the Club office, 31 Frederick St. (upstairs in the St. Mary's "A" Hall), as well as at the BWG Leisure Centre on March 26. This year, Bradford Soccer Club is introducing a new registration and club management system. The *Sports Savvy* system will allow easier online registration, but will also contain all schedules and important information. The system will be accessible through a password sign-in, and allow for the printing of all tax receipts. The new system should be up and running very shortly; until then, the club will continue to take all registrations manually.

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

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BWGMGA Local League Playoffs

NOVICE LL

Playoffs Round 2

Game 1, Feb. 22- Bradford #2 - 7, Richmond Hill - 1. Tyler Klic and Brandon Spadafora with 2 aplace, singles by Jacob Sim, Kaden Reinhardt and Andreas Altvess. Assists to Spadafora (2), Spencer Ryan, Matthew Svirac, Philip Collings, Reinhardt, Sim and Klic.

Game 2, Feb. 23- Richmond Hill - 5, Bradford #2 - 4. Goals by Jacob Sim with 2, singles by Brandon Brown and Brandon Spadafora, from Spencer Ryan, Sim and Spadafora.

Game 3, March 1 - Bradford #2 - 3, Richmond Hill - 1. Goals by Matthew Svirac, Tyler Klic and Jacob Sim, from Philip Collings and Brandon Spadafora.

Game 4, March 2 - Bradford #2 - 2, Richmond Hill - 1. Bradford takes the series on goals by Grayson Coburn from Jacob Sim and Sim, unassisted. Outstanding goaltending by Austin Domingues in all four games!

ATOM LL

Championship Final

Game 1, March 17 - Bradford #3 - 3, Schomberg #1 - 2. Bradford takes the first game on goals by Owen Osborne (unassisted), Andrew Williams from Jacob Sanelli and Christian Flynn; or Kyle Smith (unassisted).

Ontario Senior Games coming

The Ontario Senior Games will be coming to Simcoe County, during the summer of 2014. Simcoe County (District 28) will host 15 summer games, open to adults ages 55 and older, in communities that include Collingwood, Worsley, Barrie and Barrie.

Events scheduled include Bad Euche, Pickle Ball, Horseshoes, Euche, 5-Pin Bowling, Darts, Cribbage, Contact Bridge, Swimming, Carpet Bowling, Floor Shuffleboard, Tennis, Bocce Ball, Slo-Pitch and Lawn Bowling. Register for as many activities as you wish, for a \$12 OSGA membership fee. For more information visit www.ontarioseniorgames.ca, or contact Simcoe County Co-ordinator Lety Dudgeon at 705-528-0140 or 2127lety1946@gmail.com

There will be a special Registration Day on Tuesday, March 25 at the Allandale Recreation Centre main hall, 190 Bayview Dr. in Barrie, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seniors can register for activities with their \$12 OSGA membership. The Allandale 55 Plus Centre is offering a free lunch and coffee for anyone who registers; lunch is \$5 for others.

Bradford Soccer Club update

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Finally, the Club is pleased to announce that it has extended the contract of Technical Director Georgio Trikkas, through 2018. Georgio is an UEFA A level coach, and will be ensuring the ongoing success of BSC's development programs.

For information contact the Bradford Soccer Club at 905-775-7000 or www.bradfordsoccer.com

South Simcoe Sonics Basketball Weekend

The South Simcoe Sonics are hosting a Novice Basketball Weekend, March 22 and 23 at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre - free.

On March 22, the Bradford Lady AllStars will play the Allston Lady AllStars. Doors open at 1:15 p.m., tip off at 1:30 p.m.

On Sunday, March 23, come out to watch an Under 10 Boys Mini Tournament - as South Simcoe Sonics host both Collingwood and Orangeville U10 teams. Doors open at 1:15 p.m., tip off at 1:30 p.m.

Admission to both events is free. For more information, see www.sbsbasketball.ca

Focus on Youth Japan Art Mile Project



On Friday, February 7, Mrs. Stepanek's Grade 4 Class at Chris Hadfield Elementary School opened a box that came all the way from Fukuoaka, Japan.

Inside, was a half-completed mural, painted by a Grade 5 class at Yoshino Elementary School - a mural that the students at Chris Hadfield ES were asked to complete.

It was all part of the Japan Art Mile project - an international collaboration between a school in Japan, and schools in other countries, organized by the International Intercultural Mural Exchange (IIME). The goal is to promote global harmony and peace, through understanding and respect for each other's cultures.

The students first exchanged information, sharing interesting facts about themselves, their

country and their cultures, then expressed a common theme through the mural. The Japanese students painted cherry blossoms, Mt. Fuji, and other familiar icons of their country on their side of the mural; the Canadian students painted farm fields, a highway, and Toronto, with its Rogers Dome and CN Tower, and "Gwilly", the carot mascot of Bradford. In the centre of the mural, a Japanese student and a Canadian student join hands.

The completed mural was on display at Chris Hadfield ES, before being boxed up and returned to Japan.

The Art Miles program was originally part of a collaborative project to promote world peace, with the goal of completing 12 miles of shared murals on 12 themes, and in 2010, wrapping the artwork around the Great Pyramid in Egypt. The Japan Art Mile project has continued to build bridges between cultures, through art.

Shave for the Brave, times three

There are programs for adults with cancer, and for kids - but what about Young Adults? It's a demographic that faces some unique challenges: becoming independent, just starting college or university, a career, marriage, a new family.

Those challenges and emotional struggles are only intensified, when a cancer diagnosis is received.

YACC, Young Adult Cancer Canada provides free support, networking and information, both online and face-to-face, for young adults facing cancer - seeking to build a community of Young Adults who share skills and opportunities, in overcoming the disease.

The main fundraiser for YACC is "Shave for the Brave," which invites participants, in schools and at work, to become "shavers" or donors - raising funds, and either going bald or donating a minimum 10% of their hair, in a special community shave-off.

Fred C. Cook Public School is Bradford's "flagship shave school"

- the first school in the community to participate in the Shave for the Brave, 3 years ago. The annual event has been organized by Jennifer Chown-Kennedy and Heather Palmer.

This year at FCC, about 30 "shavers" have signed up to raise funds on March 21, starting at 1:40 p.m. In the new school's gym, Twenty-five of the participants have decided to shave off all of their hair; the remainder are donating their locks - and so far, the school has raised over \$2,600. Top fundraiser to date is student Michael Clewlow, who raised \$1,170.

But this year, Fred C. Cook won't be alone in its fundraising or head-shaving. W.H. Day Elementary School in Bradford has decided to participate, and will be hosting a Shave for the Brave on Friday, April 4 - already signing up over 40 shavers, including several parents.

And on Friday, April 11, Cookstown Central Public School will be holding its own Shave for the Brave event.

Raising funds for an accessible playground



It's a big goal: to raise \$50,000 for a new accessible playground at W.H. Day Elementary School, on Maplegrove Drive in Bradford.

But the W.H. Day School Council is already well on its way towards reaching that goal, raising about \$12,000 since the start of the school year, all within the school, through Pizza Days, Hot Dog Days and other fundraisers.

On March 6, the Council held a fundraising Dance-A-Thon in the school gym. Classes took turns bringing in their pledges and donations, and dancing to a music-and-light show, organized by Grade 8 DJs.

The Council and parent volunteers are hoping to reach their goal by the end of the school year, and once a design has been approved by the Simcoe County District School Board, begin construction of at least "Phase 1" of the playground during the summer months.

To make that possible, the parents are now reaching out to the wider BWG community. The playground will be accessible, and open to all - and the volunteers are hoping that local businesses and families will contribute, to provide a healthy and safe place for all kids to play.

For more information, or to donate, contact whdaysschoolcouncil@gmail.com

Lions Effective Speaking



The Bradford Lions Club recently held its annual Effective Speaking Competition in local schools - and on March 17, welcomed the winners to a Lions meeting. Above, competition convenors, Lions Hank Vanderpost and Debbie Jeske welcome the winners - from left, 3rd place Jamie White ("The Canadian Flag"), 1st place Luke Reist ("Procrastination"), and 2nd place Maeve Gormley ("The Olympics: Cheating, Bribes, Scandals and Violence").

From Lent to Holy Week

The series of Ecumenical Services, hosted by different churches in Bradford West Gwillimbury, returns this Lenten season. Until April 6, different churches host different worship services every Wednesday, led in their own style of worship - and 6 different preachers will preach, but not in their own churches! The

Ministerial Association welcomes all to attend, and join in Lent's spiritual journey of contemplation on Jesus' sacrifice for mankind.
Lent 3 - Weds., March 26 - St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church, 56 Hearn St. Bond Head, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Tim Walker.
Lent 4 - Weds., April 2 at St. John's

Presbyterian Church, 10 Sideroad and 8th Line BWG, 7:30 p.m.
Preacher - Rev. Barham Hammond.
Lent 5 - Weds., April 9 at Bradford Baptist Church, 3224 - 10 SR BWG, 7:30 p.m. Preacher - Rev. Jim Keenan.
Holy Week - Weds., April 16 at Trinity Anglican Church in Bradford, 7:30 p.m., with Rev. Richard Bodini.

NDP Nomination Meeting

York-Simcoe Provincial NDP will be holding a Nomination Meeting to select a candidate for the next provincial election - which could be called as early as this Spring. The meeting will be taking place Monday, April 7 at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, at 7 p.m.
 There are two excellent candidates seeking the York-Simcoe nomination. For information, call Keith Lindsay at 1-888-981-4ndp, or contact@ndpsimcoe.ca

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Focus on Community

Autism Awareness Day

When Nicole and Paul Taylor's son was initially diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, it was a devastating moment, and the family withdrew from a lot of social activities - worried that the "meltdowns" that come from sensory overload for children with Autism could be seen as disruptive, and misinterpreted.

More recently, Nicole has felt the need to increase awareness of Autism, to provide information and support to parents of autistic children, and to bring greater understanding to the community at large.

The Taylors approached the Town to raise the Autism Ontario flag at the Courthouse, on April 2 at 3 p.m. - **Autism Awareness Day**, and were delighted with the support they received from the Municipality and the Mayor's office.

But plans didn't stop there. With support from the community, the flag-raising is turning into an Autism Awareness Day celebration.

Nicole is working on the event with Nicole Brickett - and hoping to go beyond a single day of awareness, to bring local families of ASD children together by creating a local chapter of Ontario Autism Assistance, a support group that would meet monthly at the Bradford library. In part, she has been inspired by the statistics. She thought there were only a handful of families in Bradford West Gwillimbury that were dealing with Autism and related issues; in fact, there are an estimated 70 families in Bradford alone.

For more information on the upcoming Autism Awareness Day, or to get involved, contact Nicole Taylor, 905-392-8871.

Galas, Dances and Fundraisers

Celtic Heart

There will be a celebration of Celtic dance and Music, at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts on Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m. Celtic Heart will feature the Loretto Reid Celtic Ensemble; Sam Reid of Gigs Tiger, Dave Lawlor, Garth McBride, Amanda MacDonald, Lord of the Dance cast member Emily Babyn, and the World Championship-winning dancers from the Irish Dance Studio - and include a Silent Auction. A fundraiser for the dancers who will be representing York Region and area at the World Championships of Irish Dancing in London, England this April. Tickets are \$40 each, available at 905-787-8811 or rhcet.ca

Shake your Boobies

Suzi Garibaldi, cancer survivor, and her team "Highlights" will be participating in the Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend to End Women's Cancer, benefiting the Campbell Family Cancer Research Institute at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre this September. Garibaldi hopes to raise \$5,000; her team has set a goal of \$9,000, and to help

reach the target, they are joining Team Joe Mama in hosting the 5th Annual Shake Your Boobies for Women's Cancers dinner and dance at the Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Rd. on Saturday, March 29. Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., Silent Auction. Tickets are \$35 each, available from Sara Fresco, 905-836-3213, or email sara.fresco@sympatica.ca, or contact Suzi Garibaldi at garibaldi@sympatica.ca or 416-827-6894. For info on the Walk, visit www.endcancer.ca

Zumba for Autism

Cathy McLean of Zumba in Da House, and Nicole Kim - the mother of a child with Autism - are combining forces to organize Bradford's first annual Zumba for Autism event, Saturday, April 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bradford Alliance Church. Enjoy a lively and fun-filled afternoon of prizes, raffles, Silent Auction, refreshments and Zumba, with 100% of proceeds going to Kerry's Place Autism Services. Tickets are \$15 in advance, for age 12 and older, or \$20 at the door, 752 Simcoe Rd. Call Cathy at 647-219-0321 or Nicole at 905-622-6942.

At the Ontario Early Years Centre



"Mr. Tom" - Tom Kremer, a music teacher at Marie of the Incarnation School - brought along his guitar during March Break, and lead a sing-along during circle time at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Bradford on March 14.

The Ontario Early Years Centre, Bradford Satellite - located in the BVG Child & Family Services Building at 118 Barrie St., provides age-appropriate resources, toys and FREE programs for children ages 0-5, and parenting information and resources, at no charge.

For more information or to pre-register for courses see www.simcoecommunityservices.ca and click on the Early Years button, or call 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

Kids in the Kitchen - fun for preschoolers, Thursdays, March 20 and 27, at 5 p.m. Fresh Pretzels tonight; next week it's Mini Pizzas.

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Line of Essa,

hosts the

Spring Fonic

Maple Syrup

Festival,

April 5 and 6,

from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m.

Admission is

Library on the Loose - a free drop-in program, 10:30 a.m. on March 21. Books, stories and surprises from the Bradford Public Library.

Toddler Connections - a 6-week program for parents and pre-schoolers begins Monday, March 24, at 9:30 a.m. Strengthen the parent-child relationship through love, language and learning. Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

Life with Baby - a 10-week program for new parents of infants under 10 months of age, begins Tuesday, March 25 at 1:30 p.m. Learn from the experts! Pre-register at 905-775-3039 ext. 229.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

at

BRADFORD DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, March 26, 2014
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Interviews by appointment.
Interim reports and appointment request sheets
are being sent home on March 18th.

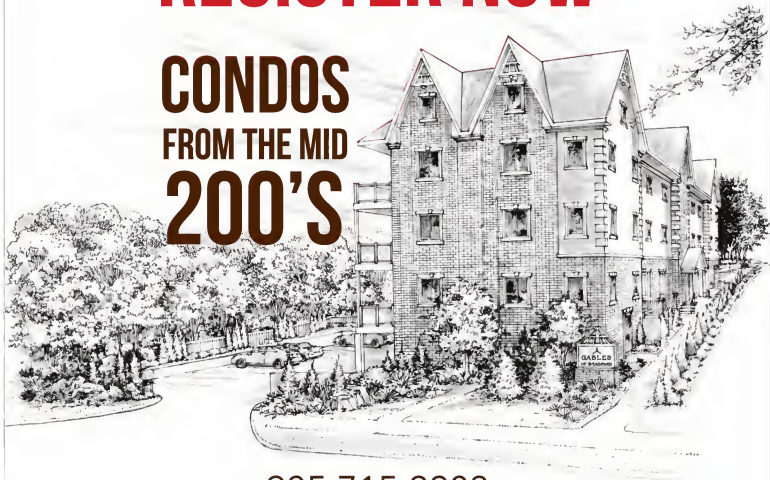
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